

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO REISSUE
A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0062979-04-0

Permittee: Redtail Ridge Dairy, W3367 Ledge Rd, Malone, WI, 53049

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Redtail Ridge Dairy, W3367 Ledge Road Malone

Receiving Water And Location: Sheboygan River and De Neveu Creek-Frontal Lake Winnebago Watersheds and groundwaters of the state

Brief Facility Description :Redtail Ridge Dairy is an existing Concentrated Animal Feed Operations (CAFO) for dairy cattle located in the Town of Taycheedah in Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin. Redtail Ridge Dairy consists of two production sites, the Dairy Complex located at W3367 Ledge Road, Malone, WI 53049 and Heifer Complex located at W3388 Ledge Road, Malone, WI 53049. The Dairy Complex and Heifer Complex are located across Ledge Road from each other. Redtail Ridge Dairy is owned and operated by the Thome Family.

The Dairy Complex consists of 3 liquid waste storage facilities (WSF 1, WSF 2, and WSF 3), milking parlor, barns, and 2 stormwater ponds. The Heifer Complex consists of feed storage area with a vegetated treatment area, barns, shops, and 1 stormwater pond. The current herd size is 3,088 animal units (1,600 milking/dry cows, 800 heifers, and 40 calves). Approximately 20.7 million gallons of liquid manure and process wastewater, and 640 tons of solid manure is produced annually at the current herd size. Redtail Ridge Dairy has approximately 263 days of storage for liquid storage capacity. Redtail Ridge Dairy owns or rents 2,586 acres of cropland, of which approximately 2,506 acres are available for manure application.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Victoria Ziegler, DNR, 141 NW Barstow St, Waukesha, WI, 53188, (414) 391-8946, Victoria.Ziegler@wisconsin.gov

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, or to request a public informational hearing may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is re-issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be re-issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if within 30 days of the public date of this notice, a request for a hearing is filed by any person. The Department shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from USEPA or from 5 or more persons or if the Department determines there is significant public interest. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit and fact sheet (if required), the operation's nutrient management plan and application may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (414) 391-8946 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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